Abstract

A cement additive comprising a polycarboxylic acid type copolymer and/or a salt thereof and a polyalkylene glycol derivative, wherein said polycarboxylic acid type copolymer contains one or more species of copolymers composed of at least an unsaturated polyalkylene glycol type monomer and an unsaturated mono- or dicarboxylic acid type monomer as their monomer components. Concretes in which the additive is used have excellent flow, without significant retarding effect, and a low air entrainment. When used with concrete for steam curing, it allows earlier removal of form work.